

CFHS Meetings 2008

City Branch

Friday 8 February—Rogues and Vagabonds Need not apply— Ian Waller

Friday 14 March-. Sources for Research in London-Wendy Anderson

Friday 11 April— A Guide to Graphology— Barbara Weaver

Girton Glebe Computer Club

Saturday 9 February-www.old-maps.co.uk & CFHS Data CDs

Saturday 8 March- An Overview of Family History Software

Saturday 12 April—Back to Basics Visiting Record Offices— Caroline Norton

Girton Glebe Afternoons

Saturday 9 February— Finding your way around a Record Office Part 2-Gill Shapland

***Saturday 8 March** -The Industrial Revolution— Rev Wm Zwalf * **Followed by :**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society at 3p.m

INFORMATION

Family History Surgeries Research days at your local library

Members of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society are available to help with your family history research at local libraries :

Every Tuesday at **March** Library 10am - 12.45pm, 2.15pm to 5pm.

Every Wednesday at **Ely** Library 10am - 12.45pm, 2.15pm to 5pm

Every third Thursday of the month at **Bar Hill** Library.10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Every second Friday of the month **Arbury Court** Library (Cambridge) 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

From : Mike Petty

I have browsed two Internet sites that include fully-digitised copies of old books checking for items on Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, Ely, Fen, Fenland, Fens, King's Lynn, Newmarket, Peterborough (Open books), Wisbech and a number of villages. These items may be read and downloaded from the sites - Google Book Search - books.google.com and Internet Archive Search - www.archive.org. I have listed these and other sites on my website. Please let me know of other such sources you find of use. If you would like to see the books I have listed please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at

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City Branch

St Laurence's Church Hall Milton Rd. Cambridge

Friday 11 January 7.15-9pm

Tracing Missing Ancestors -Peter Edwards

Where are they? This must be the question that is most asked in Family History. Poor law and transportation records, death and burial records, monumental inscriptions, apprenticeship certificates, obituaries, and baptisms may yield some answers. Some of the most interesting are burials of drowned seamen washed up from wrecks; baptisms of gypsy children with fascinating names; militia men marrying girls from the parishes in which they were stationed; military details commemorated on headstones: the list is endless.

Peter will give us more clues as to what might have happened when they disappeared.

Girton Glebe School

Cambridge Rd. Girton

Saturday 12 January 2008

Computer Club 11am –1 pm

Drawing Trees Using Microsoft Word & What is a GEDCOM

Lunch break. 1pm-2pm

Caroline Norton : How to begin

Caroline will introduce you to Your Family History **OR** Take the opportunity to use Ancestry.co.uk (free of charge) to trace any of your ancestors with the help of our knowledgeable volunteers.

Afternoon Meeting 2pm-3pm

Religion in all it's forms and what it can provide-Brian Jones

So many sects, so many changes of sources - together they can leave the family historian bemused to say the least. In this talk some of the mysteries will be unravelled and in doing so may well unlock a few more previously impassable doors.

SPEAKER PROFILES

City Branch

Peter Edwards

Peter Edwards is a popular lecturer and a recognised expert in genealogy, specialising in gypsy and travellers research. He has long experience in unravelling the problems relating to ancestors who appear to have disappeared for no apparent reason. Perhaps your ancestor is one of these.



Girton Glebe Afternoon

Brian Jones

As a social historian, Brian Jones interest is in 'the history of real people' and how they lived their lives at various stages through the past 1000 years or so - what affected them, what caused the ups and downs in their life. As a result he often needs to research the family history of individuals about whom he knows nothing. Many of the records he uses for social and local history research contain nuggets - or even whole seams - of family information. As a practising family historian this knowledge has helped him in many ways - and often helps him help others 'unblock' those horrible dead-ends all family historians discover.

Annual Subscriptions to the Cambridgeshire Family History Society are due THIS month: why not add it to your Christmas Present List from your Family?

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NEWS

National Burial Index goes live at FindMyPast.com

Family history fans can now search for their ancestors online across six centuries

Premier UK family history website www.findmypast.com announced on the 27 November that it is adding a major new acquisition to its existing online collection - data from the National Burial Index for England and Wales. Significantly, many of these new records pre-date civil registration, July 1837, and will therefore enable family history enthusiasts to delve even further back into their ancestors' pasts.

The National Burial Index is a finding aid for burials that took place in England or Wales between the years 1538 and 2005. As such, it pre-dates the centralised registration of deaths in England and Wales, which only came into effect on 1 July 1837. It will complement the Latter Day Saints' International Genealogical Index (IGI), which contains mainly baptisms and marriages.

The burial data brings together in one easy-to-search central place the disparate records from local parishes, which members of local family history societies have been compiling since 1994, under the guidance and encouragement of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS). It includes records from parish registers, non-conformist registers, Roman Catholic, Jewish and other registers as well as cemetery and cremation records. The details of over 13 million burials are contained in the database. It provides the full name, date of burial, age at death, (when given in the original source), name of the county, parish and the church or chapel where the burial took place.

Thanks to the cross-database search facility at findmypast.com, you will be able to search for your ancestor by surname across all the records on the site without needing to know where in the country they came from.

These records were made available to the public by the FFHS on CD ROM and at its own pay per view website www.familyhistoryonline.net but following a landmark agreement between the Federation and findmypast.com in September this year, burial records can now be searched online alongside findmypast.com's existing collection of over 550 million records. The records at www.familyhistoryonline.net will be transferred to the findmypast.com website in phases over the next few months.

Elaine Collins, Commercial Director at findmypast.com said "We are very excited that we have been able to gather together so many local, quality records which pre-date 1837 and present them at findmypast.com. Now family history enthusiasts will be able to extend their family tree further back from the comfort of their own home - even if they live overseas. Who knows, they might find ancestors who were contemporaries of Henry VIII." Geoff Riggs, Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies, added: "We wanted records from our enormously successful National Burial Index to be the first set of data available under our new partnership with findmypast.com. As a result, many more researchers world-wide will now be able to benefit from the invaluable information they contain."

The NBI data records can be accessed as part of an Explorer subscription package or with pay-per-view units.

TIME FOR A FAMILY REUNION?



Have you always wanted to gather together your extended family for a big reunion? Perhaps you have an important forthcoming family milestone that provides the perfect opportunity for a huge celebration?

The BBC is currently working on an important documentary series following the reunion of a large extended British family. Our hope is to explore the fascinating past and present that every British family has at its core and to discover the importance and strength of family bonds in modern Britain.

The celebration will offer one family the chance to discover their collective history over the course of an all-expenses-paid weekend in Spring 2008.

You'll take part in a busy weekend of family activities, providing you with the chance to rediscover relationships, memories and family bonds. You'll see archive footage and photographs that may have lain unseen for decades, participate in genealogy workshops and meet family members that you've never met or of whom you only have distant memories.

This is a unique opportunity for anyone interested in reuniting their extended family. If you'd like to find out more or think you might be interested in getting involved in the series, call Annabel on 020 7267 4260 or email aborthwick@blastfilms.co.uk